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**REDDING MAN ARRAIGNED ON POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

SACRAMENTO-- United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that a federal grand jury returned a 2-count indictment charging ELDEN RAY CIBART, 58, of Redding, California, with possession of visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2252(a)(4)(B), and criminal forfeiture pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2253. CIBART was arrested and will be arraigned today on the indictment.

This case is the product of a joint investigation by the Redding Police Department and the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The investigation in this case was undertaken as part of Project Safe Childhood (PSC). PSC is a United States Department of Justice initiative established to increase federal prosecutions of violent sexual predators of children, and to reduce the number of Internet crimes against children including child pornography trafficking. As a part of PSC, the United States Attorney's Office has teamed with state and local agencies and organizations to increase law enforcement presence on the Internet, and to educate the public about safe Internet use, thereby reducing the risk that children might fall prey to online sexual predators. For additional information on the PSC initiative, please go to [www.projectsafefchildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafefchildhood.gov) or call the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of California and ask to speak with the PSC

coordinator.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Laura L. Ferris, who is prosecuting the case, the maximum statutory penalty for a violation of possession of visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct is ten years incarceration, a \$250,000 fine, and a term of supervised release for life. However the actual sentence will be dictated by the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of factors, and will be imposed at the discretion of the court.

An ongoing investigation is being conducted by the Redding Police Department and Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Anyone having information about the case is encouraged to call Investigator Bill Schueller of the Redding Police Department at (530) 225-4214.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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